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SUBJECT: CANADIAN NATIONAL, TURKISH-BORN EMIRATES AIRLINE PILOT SEEKS
REDRESS FROM PLACEMENT ON U.S. NO-FLY LIST

REF: A. STATE 70822

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¶1. (SBU) As per reftel, on June 23, 2008 ECONCHIEF interviewed Mr. Mehmet Ege who is seeking redress from being placed on the U.S. (TSA) No-Fly List. Mr. Ege is a pilot for Emirates Airline and holds a Canadian passport. His passport number is BA141761. It was issued on April 18, 2006 and expires on April 18, 2011. Mr. Ege is currently a resident of the UAE, living in Dubai. However, he was born in Turkey and still retains his Turkish citizenship. According to his passport, he was born on January 12, 1973. Mr. Ege is a first officer and has also worked for Gulf Air, AtlasJet/Thai Jet Intergroup, Co, Ltd., MNG Airlines, and THY Airlines. Mr. Ege signed a statement authorizing a background investigation.

¶2. (SBU) Mr. Ege had apparently also been placed on the Australia No-Fly list but provided a copy of a letter from the government of Australia stating that he may travel to Australia as a crew member for Emirates. Mr. Ege is seeking similar relief from the U.S. Government. His address is P.O. Box 92 (FC 1462), Dubai, UAE and phone number is 971-50-328-43-07. Mr. Ege listed his email address as: skyking06@hotmail.com. Post made copies of his passport, identification, and resume.

¶3. Post point of contact for this matter through August 28, 2008 is Rachel Owen, OwenRE@state.gov. All inquiries after August 28 should be directed to Susannah Cooper at cooperse@state.gov.

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